

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-10, 16-28 and 34-38 are pending in this application.

Claims 11-15 and 29-33 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Regarding the Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-10, 16-28 and 34-38 are allowable.

Regarding the § 103 Rejection

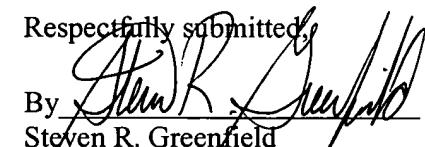
Claims 11-15 and 29-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Harthcock (U.S. Patent No. 6,347,368). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot due to the cancellation of claims 11-15 and 29-33.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are ready for allowance as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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